1B—Decolonizing and Indigenizing #1

Looking Beyond the Library to Understand Indigenous Research Methodologies

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This session discusses several concepts for understanding Indigenous research methodologies for academic librarians. What is Indigenous knowledge? How do Indigenous peoples know when information is knowledge? What role do Indigenous research methods have within the field of academic librarianship? What opportunities for reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples within academic libraries can come from understanding Indigenous research methodologies? These questions are examined in terms of their influence on the presenter’s sabbatical research project in 2014–15, which involved having interview conversations with more than two dozen Indigenous librarians.